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10/813,982**REMARKS**

Claims 29-31 were rejected under 35 USC Sec. 112 second paragraph because the claim recitation "sufficiently thin" was deemed not to be clear as to the metes and bounds encompassed by the term "sufficiently thin".

In response, the applicant has re-worded independent Claim 29 to eliminate entirely the term "sufficiently thin." In its stead, the device of Claim 29 is claimed as a "thin absorbent pad" having a "thin" stretch fabric strap in the context of the preamble to Claim 29 which recites a "panty line free" undergarment.

The currently amended phrase in Claim 29 "said thin strap and thin pad presenting no visible appearance of lines through the user's clothing" amplifies the meaning of the preamble phrase "panty line free".

One of ordinary skill in the art of undergarment manufacturing will readily understand that "thin" means as thin as possible while manufacturing the present invention from a suitable undergarment material that has sufficient structural integrity so as to resist tearing and shredding under use so as to be hygienic and commercially practical.

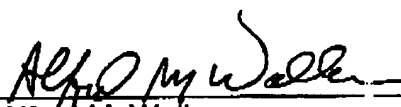
Claims 30 and 31 remain dependant upon amended Independent Claim 29.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form, distinguish over the above references and should be allowed.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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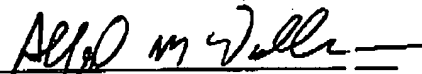
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